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## **COMPTROLLER MYCHAJLIW EARNS NATIONAL ACCOUNTING AWARD FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR**

*Comptroller Stefan I. Mychajliw remains the only Erie County Comptroller to ever earn this prestigious national award for financial reporting*

(Buffalo, NY) – For the fourth year in a row, Erie County Comptroller Stefan Mychajliw won a national award from the Government Finance Officers Association (G.F.O.A.) for producing an easy to read public report that illustrates the County’s finances. The G.F.O.A. honored Comptroller Mychajliw with their national “Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (P.A.F.R.).”

Comptroller Mychajliw was the first Comptroller in Erie County’s history to win the prestigious award back in 2014, creating a blue print for future success.

Comptroller Mychajliw and Office of Erie County Comptroller staff analyzed the 2016 fiscal year to create the report. The \$1,610,943,694 budget is broken down and categorized, so the public can understand it more easily and make informed decisions moving forward. The P.A.F.R. takes hundreds of pages and compresses it to eight.

“This money doesn’t belong to politicians. It belongs to the taxpayer. Hard working families deserve to know how their money is being spent by the politicians. Things haven’t been easy for families in Erie County. They’re working harder than ever to get by. Government should reflect that with mindful and wise investments. The politicians need to be accountable,” said Comptroller Mychajliw.

“Winning this prestigious, national award four years in a row is a reflection of the dedicated men and women who work in my office. When I promised taxpayers professional and qualified staff delivering good government initiatives, I meant it and I delivered,” added Comptroller Mychajliw.

The P.A.F.R. is an eight-page report that breaks down the county’s overall \$1.6 billion finances. It is available online at the Office of Erie County Comptroller’s page on the county website: [www.erie.gov/comptroller](http://www.erie.gov/comptroller).

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